

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed November 7, 2003. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the foregoing amendments submitted with the accompanying request for continued examination (RCE). Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 16 – 31 are pending. Claims 1 – 15 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Claims 16 – 31 have been added. Applicants believe that no new matter has been added because support for all claim amendments exists in the specification and original claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that pending claims 16 – 31 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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